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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 091690,457 First Named Applicant: William Ku
Examiner: Lilian Vo Art Unit: 2127 Status of Application: First Office Action

Tentative Participants:

(1) Wayne Bailey (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 6/29/04 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM) EDT

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej (102)</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Spyker</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rej (102)</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Brundridge</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>Rej (102)</u>	<u>9,24,25</u>	<u>Hove</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>Rej (102)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Janniro</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

see attached continuation sheet

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**Continuation Sheet for Interview Request Form for Patent Application Serial No.
09/690,457**

**1) Rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by
Spyker et al. (US 6,571,389).**

With respect to Claim 24, the cited reference does not teach or suggest any type of automatic invocation of an environment variable manager whenever any of triggering events a), b), c) or d) occur, and then using this same environment variable manager to determine if such triggered event causes a modification to an affected path sequence.

**2) Rejection of Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by
Brundridge (US 6,279,109).**

With respect to Claim 26, the cited reference does not teach or suggest a determination of whether a directory *within a path sequence of an environment variable* is deleted.

**3) Rejection of Claims 9, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being
anticipated by Hove et al. (US 6,564,369).**

With respect to Claim 9, the cited reference does not teach or suggest any correction of erroneous modifications that have been made. Rather, Hove teaches a prevention technique which prevents erroneous modifications from being made.

With respect to Claim 24, the cited reference does not teach automatic invocation of an environment variable manager which is used to determine if the event which triggered its invocation causes a modification to *an effected path sequence*.

With respect to Claim 25, the cited reference does not teach automatic invocation of an environment variable manager whenever *a path sequence is modified*.

**4) Rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by
Janniro et al. (US 5,634,098).**

With respect to Claim 2, the cited reference does not teach or suggest the claimed method for *correcting* a path sequence of an environment variable in a data processing

system, or the claimed feature of *monitoring for a change effecting the path sequence* of the environment variable.

Further with respect to Claim 2, the cited reference does not teach altering of an environment variable *to ensure a proper file is found*.

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